

| REQUEST<br>FOR<br>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br>TRANSMITTAL  |                      |   |
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| MAIL STOP RCE<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450<br><br>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br>provides for continued examination of an utility or<br>plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995   | Application Number   | 09/816,770  |
|   | Confirmation Number  | 4825  |
|   | Filing Date          | March 26, 2001  |
|   | First Named Inventor | Tsuyoshi KITAHARA   |
|   | Group Art Unit       | 2853  |
|   | Examiner Name        | Lam S. Nguyen   |
|   | Matter Number        | Q63724  |
| Title   |                      | LIQUID JETTING METHOD AND LIQUID<br>JETTING APPARATUS USING THE<br>METHOD |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  |                      |   |
| 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  |                      |   |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted   |                      |   |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116<br>previously filed on <u>November 5, 2003</u>  |                      |   |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____  |                      |   |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |                      |   |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed   |                      |   |
| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply   |                      |   |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  |                      |   |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)   |                      |   |
| iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time  |                      |   |
| v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |                      |   |
| 2. MISCELLANEOUS  |                      |   |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a<br>period of _____ months  |                      |   |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |                      |   |
| 3. FEES   |                      |   |
| The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and all required fees, except<br>for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said<br>Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. |                      |   |
| CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS  |                      |   |
| Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:   |                      |   |
| WASHINGTON OFFICE<br>23373<br>CUSTOMER NUMBER   |                      |   |
| SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY   |                      |   |
| Name <u>Grant K. Rowan</u> Registration No. <u>41,278</u>   |                      |   |
| Signature <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>December 29, 2003</u>  |                      |   |

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